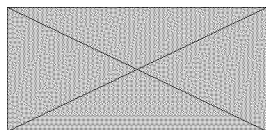


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DC Circ. Kills Enviros' Exelon Nuke Plant Relicense Suit

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The D.C. Circuit on Tuesday ruled that the U.S. Nuclear Energy Commission didn't do anything wrong when it kept an environmental group from intervening in the license renewal proceedings for a Pennsylvania nuclear reactor.

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Cabot Rips Lawyer In Bid To Toss \$4.2M Fracking Verdict

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Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. on Monday backed up its bid to overturn a \$4.24 million jury verdict awarded to two families who blamed the company's natural gas drilling for contaminating their well water, with a 142-page brief attacking the conduct of the plaintiffs' lawyer and the evidence weighed by the jury.

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Exxon Tells High Court \$236M MTBE Verdict Cannot Stand

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ExxonMobil Corp. has told the U.S. Supreme Court that New Hampshire's use of statistics as its primary evidence in obtaining a \$236 million trial judgment against the company in a groundwater contamination case violates the energy giant's due process rights and that the state wrongly claims Exxon waived that defense.

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Judge Who Drank Tainted Flint Water DQs Himself

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A Michigan federal judge handling Flint residents' lawsuit against state officials over the city's lead-tainted drinking water crisis on Tuesday disqualified himself after the officials raised concerns that his consumption of Flint's contaminated water could theoretically make him a class action plaintiff.

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Husch Blackwell Faces DQ In Contract Dispute

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Husch Blackwell LLP must be disqualified from representing witnesses in a breach of contract suit because its simultaneous representation of the defending party, an alternative energy company, could create a conflict of interest, Centerboard Securities LLC told a Texas federal court on Monday.

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Chesapeake, Others Try To Shake Frack Quake Suit

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A Chesapeake Energy Corp. unit and two other oil companies hit with a lawsuit by an environmental group claiming fracking disposal wells are causing Oklahoma's increase in earthquakes told a federal judge on Monday that state regulators are solely responsible for handling the problem.

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Senate OKs Wind Energy Amendment In Funding Bill Debate

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The U.S. Senate on Tuesday adopted amendments to provide additional funding for wind energy research and a Colorado River conservation program as it continued debate on a \$37.5 billion bill funding federal energy, water development and certain weapons programs for 2017.

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House Bill Would Make Oil Cos. Reimburse For Spills Near US

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The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday to put oil drillers on the hook for any U.S. cleanup costs stemming from an oil spill that begins in a foreign jurisdiction, a response to growing foreign offshore drilling in the vicinity of the U.S.

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FWS Won't Designate Critical Habitat For Long-Eared Bat

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday said it will not designate critical habitat for the threatened northern long-eared bat, saying doing so could lead to vandalism and the disturbance of hibernation sites and may hasten the spread of white-nose syndrome.

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Feds Say They're Not Liable In NM Superfund Dispute

The federal government is asking the Tenth Circuit to uphold a district court judge's ruling that it's not responsible to share in Chevron's cleanup liability for a mining Superfund site in New Mexico.

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Treasury Officials Must Testify In \$226M Energy Tax Credit Row

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A D.C. federal judge on Tuesday shot down the U.S. government's attempts to keep Department of Treasury officials off the stand in an upcoming trial over the agency's decision to deny \$226 million in tax credits to a California wind farm operator, saying it will be beneficial to hear the officials testify in person.

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Gas Drilling Not Part Of \$3.8B LNG Project Review, FERC Says

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The U.S. Department of Energy's refusal to reconsider its decision to allow exports from Dominion Resources Inc.'s \$3.8 billion Cove Point liquefied natural gas project in Maryland shows that agencies reviewing the project can't evaluate the climate impacts of increased gas drilling, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said Monday.

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AVIC Stalling By Refusing To Split \$70M Suit, Tang Says

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Wind farm developer Tang Energy Group Ltd. hit back Monday in Texas federal court against Aviation Industry Corp. of China, saying the company and its affiliates are attempting to avoid an unfavorable ruling by fighting to keep a suit seeking to confirm a \$70 million arbitration award intact.

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Feds, Arizona Ask Judge To Toss Highway Plan Challenge

The U.S. and Arizona Departments of Transportation on Monday implored an Arizona federal court to toss a Native American group's challenge to a \$1.75 billion Phoenix area freeway project, saying that the agencies have demonstrated the need for the highway and the lack of viable alternatives.

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DOD Must Fork Over Costs For Shipyard Cleanup, Maine Says

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The U.S. Department of Defense is shirking its legal responsibility to cover Maine's costs to clean up hazardous waste from a naval shipyard disposal site, the state said in a suit filed Tuesday in Maine federal court.

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EPA Shirking SF Bay Water-Quality Review Duties, EnviroS Say

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is violating the law and weakening water quality in the San Francisco Bay area by dodging its duties to review state regulators' changes to water standards, the Natural Resources Defense Council has said in a lawsuit in California federal court.

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Akin Gump Leads Laclede In \$344M Deal For Natural Gas Cos.

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Public utility holding company the Laclede Group said Tuesday it will buy two natural gas distributors from Sempra U.S. Gas & Power for \$344 million with guidance from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, continuing its expansion into the southern portion of the country.

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REIT Potlatch Sells Idaho Timberlands For \$114M

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Potlatch Corp. has sold roughly 172,000 acres of timberlands in central Idaho to Georgia-based investment firm Southern Pine Plantations for \$114 million for a steep loss, according to an announcement from the Washington-based real estate investment trust on Tuesday.

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Rising Star: BakerHostetler's Mark DeLaquil

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From his successful defense of a \$1.3 billion steel mill's air permit in a competitor's novel Clean Air Act citizen suit to his involvement in the national litigation over the Obama administration's signature climate change initiative, BakerHostetler partner Mark DeLaquil

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Statutes Of Repose In Environmental Litigation After CTS

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A recent Fourth Circuit decision, *Stahle v. CTS Corp.*, has again focused attention on the unique role that statutes of repose can play in environmental litigation, says Anthony Cavender at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

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5 Ways BigLaw Is Changing How Attorneys Work

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Shrinking law firm offices and novel ways to capitalize on spaces used minimally by attorneys who travel frequently are the most recent signs of firms' efforts to rein in their real estate expenses. Here are the latest office trends and developing experiments aimed at growing sustainably in smaller spaces.

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GCs Wearing More Hats In Rise To C-Suite, Survey Finds

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Corporate general counsels continue to rise into executive leadership, according to a recently released survey, and should expect their oversight responsibilities to broaden even further in the coming years.

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Midwest Firm Falls Victim To Cutthroat Lateral Market

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Indianapolis-based Krieg DeVault LLP has shed around a third of the roughly 120 attorneys it had at the start of 2015 as a result of aggressive lateral recruitment by competitors, serving as a warning to midsize firms that complacency once talent starts leaving comes at a high cost, insiders and consultants said.

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4 Reasons IP Attys Are Using Social Media

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Using social media doesn't have to mean posting goofy cat videos or sharing pictures of every meal you are about to eat. It actually can play a meaningful role in enhancing your intellectual property practice and taking relationships with clients to a new level. Here, IP attorneys give four reasons why they are using social media.

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Hatch, Leahy Square Off On 'Advice And Consent' Meaning

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Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., clashed on Capitol Hill Tuesday over the "advice and consent" clause of the U.S. Constitution for Supreme Court nominees, each plucking his own historical reasons why the Senate should, or should not, consider D.C. Circuit Chief Judge Merrick Garland to fill the vacancy left by Justice Antonin Scalia.

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Senate GOP Keeps Stonewalling On Federal Bench Nominees

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Senate Republicans on Tuesday again declined to vote on 20 judicial nominees for the federal bench, more than half of which are for district court vacancies, amid the lawmakers'

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ongoing refusal to consider U.S. Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland.

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